

Mrs. Stillman Begins Divorce Reply To-day

First Defense Witnesses to Center Attack on Financier's Alleged Relations With Mrs. Florence Leeds

Jay Won't Be in Court

Referee's Ruling Not Vital Blow to Wife's Cause, Her Attorneys Contend

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., July 12.—Mrs. James A. Stillman opens her affirmative defense before Referee Daniel J. Gleason to-morrow in the divorce action brought by her husband. The case of the plaintiff is not rested, but barring the slender chance that Mr. Stillman may be recalled to the stand by his counsel, the defense will bring forward the first of its witnesses at ten o'clock to-morrow morning. Mrs. Stillman will not be present at this hearing, which will last for three days.

The counter offensive will center on Mrs. Florence Lawlor Leeds, her three-year-old baby, Jay Ward Leeds, and their alleged relations to the millionaire banker. The first witnesses to be called will be former servants employed by Mrs. Leeds and notaries public who will vouch for the attestations of sundry figures submitted by the defense.

To Air Lives of Both Charged

The entire course of the relationship charged between the banker and Mrs. Leeds will be traced by a chain of evidence which counsel describes as "conclusive and searching."

Witnesses will tell the early association of the couple and special emphasis will be placed on the period before and after the birth of Jay. Nothing will be brought to light the first day relating to the other correspondents named by Mrs. Stillman in her amended answer. Witnesses have been instructed to be on hand, however, who will testify later to incidents relating the auburn-haired society woman known as "Helen," and the Scandinavian masseuse described as "Clara."

Contrary to report, Jay Ward Leeds will not be brought before the referee at any of the hearings. He is known to be living in New York State with a nurse. His mother is not him, Guy Stillman, of the golden hair and blue eyes, will, however, undoubtedly make his own unspoken plea for his livelihood. He will appear with his father at the hearings early in September. At present Guy and Alexander are in Canada with a nurse, while Mrs. Stillman and "Buddy," her oldest son, are at Lake Forest, Ill.

Despite the rulings handed down yesterday by the referee, which are generally conceded to be a blow to the defense, counsel for Mrs. Stillman are entering upon their second offensive with the assumption of victory both in the legitimacy and divorce issues. They are not dismayed over the admission to the records of the "Dearest Honey" and "honeyed oaks and beech" letters.

The fact that the referee ruled that these letters be admitted makes our case all the stronger," said one attorney to-day. "It takes away from Mr. Stillman the slight chance we might have had of appealing from the decision which we are confident will be rendered in our favor."

"We do not fear the so-called 'Dearest Honey' letter nor the second communication. We shall win, whether they are in evidence or not."

Makes Light of Decisions

This authority characterized as "Helen" the theory that the banker has proven his point of non-access, pointing out that only one side of the case has been heard, and that no action can be judged solely on prima facie evidence.

"When we put our witnesses on, the alleged Beauvais letters will be disclosed as valueless in the legal sense," continued the same attorney. "Take, too, the evidence of Mrs. Rockefeller, Mr. Stillman's sister. She swore that during a period of time important in the determination of Guy's paternity, her brother was in his home every night at 9 East Seventy-second Street. There has been no evidence as to where he passed his mornings and afternoons, however. It would be easy to riddle testimony of this kind when we bring on our witnesses. Neither Mrs. Stillman or little Guy has anything to fear."

"Their case is as good as won. The referee's decisions of yesterday are less significant than might at first be supposed."

New "Green" Armies From Crimea Operate Against Reds
CONSTANTINOPLE, June 15.—New "Green" armies, of 1,000 to 10,000 each, are being formed north of Crimea and are said to be operating effectively against the Bolsheviks in the Kuban district and as far as the north Caucasus region. These armies are similar to the forces of the independent leader, Makno, whose troops were disbanded during Wrangel's campaign.

Leo Asserts Contractor Failed in Garbage Deal

Tells Mayor Why Old Firm Holds Riker's Island, in Answer to La Guardia

John P. Leo, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, last night sent a letter to Mayor Hylan in answer to charges made by President La Guardia of the Board of Aldermen, that the city was losing \$750,000 a year by the refusal of Rodgers & Haggerty to vacate Riker's Island. The firm's contract for unloading scows filled with garbage on the island expired on June 30.

Mr. La Guardia charged that under a new contract another firm agreed to dispose of the garbage at a much lower cost than under the Rodgers & Haggerty arrangement. In reply, Mr. Leo asserted that on June 30, the day before the new contractor was to begin work, the situation on Riker's Island was serious, as the old contractor was preparing to leave and the new one could not be found. No arrangements had been made for handling the garbage. Mr. Leo said, and it was imperative for the public health that a temporary arrangement be made with the old contractor to continue the work.

Referring to the new contractor, Mr. Leo said:

"As showing that there was originally no intention on the part of this contractor to proceed with the physical work of unloading scows, I find that he had taken no soundings of the waters surrounding Riker's Island, and only Friday last a dredge and plevier which he had sent there was removed by him because it was pitifully incapable of doing the required work. All of these facts could easily have been obtained by Mr. La Guardia. It required only a telephone call to get them. But the purpose he had in mind in following the course he did must be manifest to all."

Probe On to Find Jersey Police Leak That Freed Crooks

Stirred by Judge's Charge, Atlantic City Officials Start Inquiry; Hotel Guests Said to Have Been Swindled

ATLANTIC CITY, July 12.—Director of Public Safety W. S. Cuthbert to-day promised a full investigation of the charges made by Judge John J. White, of the New Jersey Court of Appeals, and president of the Marlborough-Blenheim Hotel Company, that leaks in the Police Department enabled confidence men, virtually trapped, to escape.

The director conferred with members of the Police Department, Mayor Bader and other city commissioners. At the conclusion of a conference with Mayor Bader he said, "I am going to the bottom of this thing. I have nothing to say."

Mayor Bader was equally reluctant to discuss the charges brought by Judge White.

"Judge White had a perfect right to make the criticism he did," the Mayor said. "but I have no comment to make on the matter. I am not familiar with the facts he discusses in his letter. The Police Department is under the direction of Safety Director Cuthbert."

County Prosecutor Edmund C. Gaskill Jr. said:

"I have no immediate knowledge of the workings of the Police Department, but I have of this office, and I will say emphatically that no tip was given out from here. I am conducting the investigation in my own way and what the result will be will depend entirely on circumstances."

Prosecutor Gaskill made his statement following a conference with Assistant Prosecutor N. R. Voorhees and State Senator C. D. White, brother of Judge White. Senator White is one of the proprietors of the Marlborough-Blenheim Hotel, a New York guest at this hotel, according to report, narrowly escaped being swindled of \$100,000 by a confidence man.

Judge White before the Hotel Men's Association recited there instances of attempts to swindle guests at big beach front hotels of amounts varying from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

Judge White said he stood by all that he had published and that while it reflected on the police administration he felt he was doing a service in presenting the facts as he knew them.

"I have no advice to volunteer," he said, "to the administration of the Police Department. That is a matter wholly within the jurisdiction of the police authorities."

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Mrs. Kaber Will Testify To-day In Own Behalf

Counsel Inspired to Put Her on Stand by Failure of Witnesses to Uphold Her Claim of Insanity

Father Calls Her Queer

Evidence All In by To-night; Case Is Expected to Reach Jury To-morrow

CLEVELAND, July 12.—Eva Catherine Kaber will take the witness stand in her own behalf to-morrow morning to combat the state's contention that she planned the murder of her husband, Daniel F. Kaber, according to announcement this evening by Francis W. Poulson, her personal attorney.

Mrs. Kaber's testimony, it was said, will be followed by that of alienists, who will testify as to her mental condition. A plea of insanity is Mrs. Kaber's principal defense.

County Prosecutor Edward W. Stanton said that whether the state will introduce testimony to rebut that offered by alienists depends entirely upon the prominence of the alienists and the testimony they give. Should there be no rebuttal, Mr. Stanton said he expected all evidence to be in by to-morrow evening and the case given to the jury some time Tuesday.

Decision to call Mrs. Kaber as a witness was not made, it is understood, until a number of defense witnesses had failed to respond favorably to questions intended to show that Mrs. Kaber was insane. Three witnesses, however, did say they believed her to be insane. They were her father, John W. Brickett; her sister, Mrs. H. A. McGinnis; and her uncle, Matthew Brickett.

The father, seventy-three years old, said his accused daughter had at many times during her childhood acted in a peculiar manner, reciting a few specific instances.

Sympathy for the aged father was expressed freely by spectators, who knew that not only his daughter was accused of murder, but that his aged daughter, Miss Marian McArdle, also are accused of the murder of Mr. Kaber. He said his home is where his hat is off.

Through records of the Cleveland Humane Society it was shown that Mrs. Kaber at the age of sixteen and a half years had been arrested on a charge of stealing \$85 and as a result was sent to a correctional institution. The state offered no objection to this testimony. Neither did it offer objection to having a hospital history of Mr. Kaber introduced, after having ascertained its contents. Prosecutor Stanton asserted that both the humane society record and the hospital history as to Mr. Kaber's physical condition only strengthened the state's case.

Most of the defense witnesses to-day were excused without being cross-examined by the state. Only a few objections of minor importance were asked the father by state attorneys. The aged parent glanced only once toward the accused daughter as he occupied the witness stand. That was when he was asked if he were the father of the defendant. He replied that he was.

At the opening of the defense testimony opposing counsel clashed frequently over the admissibility of evidence. Questions asked by Attorney William J. Corigan invariably were objected to by Assistant Prosecutor Cassidy, and in most instances sustained by the court. Corigan then would reform his question, with the same result. The same question, differently phrased, would be asked as many

as six and eight times by Mr. Corigan, who finally gave up in despair.

Court was adjourned at 3 o'clock until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning after defense counsel announced that it had no more witnesses on hand for the day.

Harding Gets Chair To-day

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, July 12.—Newspaper editors throughout the country have combined toward a fund to provide an armchair for President Harding, which will be presented to-morrow.

The wood comprising the chair comes from the timbers of the old frigate Revenge, one of the earliest frigates in the American Navy. Colonel E. F. Birmingham, editor of The Fourth Estate, a newspaper magazine, has conducted the campaign for subscriptions, and thousands of editors have contributed \$1, the largest amount which was permitted.

Senator Capper, of Kansas, will make the presentation speech at the White House, in the presence of a number of editors. The chair is to be known as the President's editorial chair, and is a substantial, comfortable-looking piece of furniture.

Sultana Indignant When Prince Denies He Ever Knew Her

Forgetfulness of Ali Khan Amazing, She Declares, as Her Grandfather and His Own Were Blood Brothers

The Sultana Fatima of Afghanistan, who is at the Waldorf with three sons, the elder of whom, Prince Hashim, was educated at Oxford University, betrayed indignation last night when informed that Prince Mohammed Ali Khan, Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the Kingdom of Afghanistan, who reached here Monday on the French liner La Savoie with a retinue of courtiers, had denied knowledge of her existence.

Prince Mohammed Ali Khan, when asked earlier in the day whether he had received a call from the Sultana or from Prince Hashim, replied that he not only did not enjoy the acquaintance of the Sultana or the Prince, but had never heard of either. He tempers his statement by adding that it was not intended to cast aspersions on the Sultana or the Prince, as there were many personages of royal blood among the twelve millions of Afghanistan's population.

When informed of Prince Mohammed Khan's statement regarding her and the young prince, Sultana Fatima said it was extraordinary that the ambassador should be in ignorance of her identity, since her grandfather and the grandfather of Prince Mohammed Ali Khan were brothers.

"Why, my dear fellow," interposed Prince Hashim, the Sultana's elder son, "Prince Mohammed Ali Khan is my cousin. I can't understand how he could have been so forgetful. I shall certainly call him up by telephone in Washington to-morrow. His statement places us in an embarrassing position. My mother, the Sultana, is a direct descendant of the old Ameer, Mohammed Zaman Khan, who ruled Afghanistan eighty years ago. Prince Mohammed Ali Khan is an indirect descendant of the same ruler. It is all perfectly plain."

When Sultana explained that she had been compelled to leave Afghanistan sixteen years ago to protect the famous Dayarai diamond, which is next in point of size to the Kohinoor of the British crown collection. This famous jewel, she said, was handed over to her by her father on his death. There being a change in the line of descent of the Ameer at that time she feared confiscation of the diamond and fled to the Punjab, where she had lived ever since under British protection. Prince Hashim produced letters signed by F. H. Burton, deputy sub-commissioner of the Punjab, vouching for the identity of the Sultana and her sons.

The witness said she and Bessie Mc-

Say N. Y. Film Men Frolicked Until Morning

Witnesses, in Describing Party Near Boston, Tell of Drinking and Dancing by Merry Guests

Zukor's Lawyer Called

Testifies Tufts Said That He Would Not Let Morals Be Corrupted by Visitors

BOSTON, July 12.—An interview that Charles W. Wright, the present District Attorney for Western Massachusetts, who in 1917 acted as counsel for New York motion picture producers, had in May of that year with District Attorney Nathan A. Tufts, of Middlesex County, relative to certain midnight festivities at Mishawum Manor, a road house at Woburn, was described to-day by Mr. Wright before the Supreme Court.

Attorney General J. Weston Allen is seeking Mr. Tufts's removal from office before the court. Included in the charges against the District Attorney is the allegation that he was concerned in a conspiracy by which the motion picture men paid \$100,000 to avoid prosecution and publicity that the feared would follow the road house dinner.

Conversation With Tufts

Mr. Wright said he told Mr. Tufts at this interview that he understood there was a secret indictment against his clients, who included Hiram Abrams and Adolph Zukor, of New York. Mr. Tufts spoke in uncompromising terms of these clients, Mr. Wright said, and asserted that "men of their type could not come from New York and corrupt the morals of this community."

Mr. Wright told of a conference at New London, Conn., at which the amount of money to be paid by Zukor, was discussed. Various sums of money were mentioned, Mr. Wright said, adding that he thought \$250,000 was one of the sums that he did not think "any sum less than \$100,000 was mentioned."

Asked by Mr. Hurlbut whether he protested against the payment of so large an amount of money by his clients, Mr. Wright said he had dissented in the case of Zukor and Abrams, adding that he "didn't think" a case would receive much publicity.

"I told Abrams and Zukor," the witness testified, "that it would be much better to face a secret indictment than to pay \$100,000 to prevent such an indictment."

Two persons who were present at the Mishawum Manor festivities testified earlier in the day. They were Joseph Levenson, a member of the party that went to "Brownie" Kennedy's resort after a dinner to "Fatty" Arbuckle at a hotel here, and Teresa M. Sears, now the wife of Louis Robichau. She was employed at the Manor as a pianist.

Drinking in Early Hours
Both told of drinking in the early hours of the morning. Levenson, who was counsel for a number of motion picture men, said he left about 2 a. m., along with Zukor and Jesse Lasky. Some of the others in the party stayed much later, the Sears girl testifying that Abrams, Harry L. Asher and Edward Golden remained all night.

In her testimony about the dinner at the Manor the Sears girl said that about fifteen men arrived around midnight and some of them remained until morning. She denied that there were any improprieties, but said there were drinking and dancing. She saw Abrams wake up about 8 or 9 o'clock the next morning and sign a voucher for the bill, she testified. He was downstairs.

The witness said she and Bessie Mc-

Donald had testified at a hearing in the Woburn Court later when Brownie Kennedy was on trial, but denied that she had said then that the movie party "grew pretty rough" as it progressed, and that the men threw their arms about the girls.

Hylan Renounces Honor In Favor of Roosevelt

Vetoes Own Name on New Ferryboat; Suggests It Be Called for Late President

After deliberating for twenty-one days Mayor Hylan decided yesterday that to have a tugboat named after him is about all the maritime glory he wants.

He had a chance to see his name inscribed on a new ferryboat, but in view of the tug he renounced the opportunity in favor of the late Theodore Roosevelt.

Grover A. Whalen, Commissioner of Plant and Structures, tendered the new honor to the Mayor on June 21. Yesterday the Mayor replied:

"Your letter of June 21 suggesting that the new ferryboat be named the Roosevelt is received. Some time ago a tugboat worth \$250,000 was secured by this administration from the Federal government for \$1. This tugboat was named the John F. Hylan.

"You give many reasons in your letter why the new ferryboat should bear my name, and I appreciate the suggestion. However, there occurs to me the name of a great man, native of our city, who served his city, his state and his country with the highest distinction and whom the people of New York always consider it a great privilege to look upon as one of their own. Permit me to suggest that the new ferryboat, which will be the greatest and largest about the harbor of New York, be named after a great New Yorker and great President. I suggest it be named the President Roosevelt."

Brooklyn Crowd Sees Thief Chase After Bold Hold-Up

One of Two Men Accused of Robbing Chemical Plant Arrested and Most of Stolen Money Recovered

Hundreds of persons in the vicinity of Broadway and Flushing Avenue, Brooklyn, were excited yesterday afternoon by the sound of shots and spectacle of a man with a revolver in his hand being chased by a policeman. The man was caught and, after a brief struggle, arrested.

It was said that the prisoner, who gave his name as Philip Aromandi, of 400 East 139th Street, had, in company with another man, held up three men in the Essential Chemical Company's plant at 69 Cooke Street, and robbed them of nearly \$700 in cash, and their watches and stick pins.

Harry Kurzwel, proprietor of the place, is said to have identified Aromandi as one of the hold-up men. Kurzwel said he and his two salesmen, Otto Hollander and Samuel Goldstein, were in the office when Aromandi and another man entered with revolvers and ordered them to throw up their hands and keep quiet, and robbed them.

They had no sooner gone than the three victims ran to the street, shouting, "Stop thief!"

The two bandits drew their weapons again and fired several shots in the air to keep off pursuit. Then they started running up Broadway.

As the two men ran they separated. One escaped. The other, Aromandi, was taken to District Attorney Lewis, and is said to have admitted his part in the hold-up. On his person was found \$423 in cash and a stick pin which Kurzwel said was his.

Pleas for Nickel Soda In Bronx Not Heeded

Mothers Indignant at Bruckner; Ice Cream Rate Cut to Ten Cents

The children's crusade for cheaper ice cream in the Bronx resulted yesterday in a ten-cent rate announced by twenty-four members of the Upper Bronx Confectioners' Board of Trade. The cry for five-cent soda, however, fell upon deaf ears. The children and their spokesman, Mrs. Anna Grant, got no support from Borough President Henry P. Buckner, manufacturer of soda water, so were obliged to spend yesterday in new devices for carrying on the war. Hints of political reprisal from indignant mothers were made.

"I feel that Mr. Bruckner did not reason wisely when he flatly told me and Miss Bode, my co-worker in this movement, that he would not reduce the price of his soda water," said Mrs. Grant.

"I understand he is the second largest manufacturer in the city, and when he said he could offer no suggestion to alleviate conditions in the soda water market I think he was delinquent in his duty. The least he could have done was to appeal to the dealers to reduce profits on his product."

The retail dealers in ice cream and soda had an emergency meeting yesterday.

day, presided over by S. S. Kenworthy, president of the Belleville Board of Trade, at which a permanent organization was formed to combat the high prices charged by the wholesale dealers. "We are lined up 100 per cent strong," he said. "We are determined that we will not be blamed any longer by the public for manufacturers' profiteering."

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In just the same way, not enough rain means poor feed, and the cows won't give as much milk.

This has been a wonderful spring and summer for the little boy in the city and his mother and father. Nearly every day has been bright and fair. Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays the folks could get out of the house, into the parks, down to the beach. The lucky ones rode in automobiles. No umbrellas were needed.

But it's rather rough on the cows. The cows don't say anything about the drought or the hot weather. They simply give less milk, even though the little boy in the city wants just as much, and his mother doesn't want the price of milk to go any higher.

Milk is a very necessary food, and the farmers who produce it have never tried to take advantage of the fact that little boys and girls and grown-ups, too, must have it.

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